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# Toast To Tennessee

Tennessee wines, all for the tasting

BY CHUCK RAINEY

**DON'T MISS** the ninth annual Toast to Tennessee on May 12, the best wine festival around. Join hundreds of your friends and Tennessee wine supporters as we raise a glass or three to honor local wineries. Nashville Shores provides a beautiful location for fun in the sun—there will also be gourmet specialty foods, local artisans and seminars on wines, pairings and food. Rain or shine, this celebration of Tennessee's award winning wineries, arts and gastronomy will be worth cancelling anything else on your agenda.

Hundreds of locally produced wines are available for tasting, many made from locally grown grapes and fruit. Twenty minute food and wine appreciation classes are given hourly, teaching us how to serve, sip, select, store and simmer with our favorite vino. Wines are available for purchase by the bottle or case and many wineries provide discounts, as if bringing their wares to Nashville was not enough incentive (ask about case discounts). Your souvenir glass is your ticket to palate overload as you enjoy beautiful Percy Priest Lake, and partake of the free lake cruises.

A touch of everything Tennessee is sprinkled amongst the winery booths with crafts merchants, specialty foods and handcrafted jewelry pavilions. If hunger temporarily draws your attention, you can visit with Tennessee Gourmet, Willa's Shortbread, Divine Art Toffee and more. DJ David Hale & Hawk Specialty Services will be back this year to fill your ears with music throughout the day.



Whether you like dry or sweet, dessert variety or the flavorful Tennessee original creations, you can and will find a Tennessee wine with which to fall in love. Join the "may"-hem. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$30 at the door. Come support local wine makers, fruit and grape growers, artisans and craftsmen at this unique Tennessee experience. *Volunteer opportunities are available by calling the Chamber of Commerce office at (615) 758-3478. Find out more online at [atoasttotennesssee.com](http://atoasttotennesssee.com).*

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## NASHVILLE CHARITY WINE EVENTS 2012



March 11  
**Taste of Williamson**  
CoolSprings Galleria  
[tasteofwilliamson.com](http://tasteofwilliamson.com)



March 23  
**Predators Foundation Wine Festival & Tasting**  
Bridgestone Arena  
[predators.nhl.com](http://predators.nhl.com)



April 18-20  
**A Vintage Affair, Franklin**  
[avintageaffair.org](http://avintageaffair.org)  
Events:  
April 18  
Vintage Champagne and  
Vintage Country Music,  
O'More College of Design



April 19  
**Meet the Vintner,**  
**Boxwood Bistro**  
Francisco Robledo of



April 20  
**Sommelier Preview Party**  
The Factory at Franklin



April 20  
**Vintage Affair Main Event**  
The Factory at Franklin



April 20  
**Annual Wine Tasting Silent Auction benefiting East Nashville Hope Exchange**  
St. Ann's Episcopal Church  
[stannsnashville.org](http://stannsnashville.org)



May 12  
**Soul of a Woman Wine Tour**  
[wineries.web.com](http://wineries.web.com)